

REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants' gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, although claims 26 and 29 are subject to objections.

Amendments

Claim 26 is amended to depend from claim 10, rather than cancelled claim 2. Claim 29 is amended to depend from claim 26, rather than cancelled claim 2.

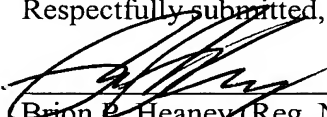
Claims 1, 48 and 49 is amended substantially in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. However, the suggested amendment of replacing "the" with "a" in line 8 of claims 1, 48 and 49 is unclear. Also, applicants' deleted the first occurrence of "the" in line 10 of claims 1, 48 and 49. Further, applicants inserted the phrase "at least one" into lines 8, 9, and 23 of claim 1. Similar changes are made to claims 48 and 49.

Objection to Claims 26 and 29

As noted above, claim 26 is amended to depend from claim 10, rather than cancelled claim 2, and claim 29 is amended to depend from claim 26, rather than cancelled claim 2. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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